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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE: GENERAL DEBATE, JULY 2 AM

1. IN CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE AT OSC SESSION MORNING OF JULY 2, BRAZIL, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ROMANIA, IRAN, BELGIUM, AND FRANCE PARTICIPATED.

2. BRAZIL, IN OUTLINE OF ITS POSITION ON TOM, VIEWED COMPROMISE TEXT ON NATURAL RESOURCES WHICH EMERGED FROM THE LSC INFORMAL WG AS CONTAINING ACCEPTABLE BALANCE OF ALL ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS AND AS A GOOD BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. RE REGISTRATION, BRAZIL CALLED FOR MANDATORY MARKING PROVISION AND A REVIEW CLAUSE. ON DBS, BRAZIL FAVORS CONCLUSION OF A LEGAL INSTRUMENT THAT WILL ASSURE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION ON BASIS OF STRICT RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY.

3. CZECHOSLOVAKIA ECHOED SOVIET CONCERN OVER BOTH TIMETABLE OF OUTER SPACE ORGANS' MEETINGS WITHIN FIRST HALF OF 1973, AND THEIR NY. VENUE, AND ENDORSED SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR BOTH FUTURE ROTATION OF WG ORGANS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND GENEVA, AND THE HOLDING OF THE NEXT DBS WG AND LSC IN GENEVA. RE TOM, CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUGGESTED THAT SINCE EXPLOITATION OF LUNAR OR OTHER CELESTIAL BODY NATURAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOURCES IS PREMATURE, PROVISIONS CONCERNING NATURAL RESOURCES

SHOULD BE GENERAL. WITHOUT COMMENTING ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, CZECHOSLOVAKIA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE REGISTRATION TREATY WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE OSC AT THIS SESSION. AFTER ENDORSING SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION ON DBS, AS A SERIOUS BASIS FOR ELABORATION OF PRINCIPLES TO COMprise AN AGREEMENT, CZECHOSLOVAKIA RECOMMENDED THAT OSC INSTRUCT LSC TO PROCEED TO DRAFT SUCH PRINCIPLES.

4. ROMANIA, FOCUSING ON FUTURE PROGRAM OF WORK, FAVORS ACCORDING PRIORITY TO DBS AND RS. WITH REGARD TO BDS, ROMANIA DESIRES THE PRINCIPLES FORMULATED TO GUARANTEE RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AS WELL AS TO ESTABLISH OBLIGATIONS OF STATES WITH RESPECT TO PROGRAM CONTENT.

ROMANIA TOOK SAME HARD LINE RE RS CALLING FOR ESTABLISHEMENT OF PRINCIPLE OF PRIOR CONSENT BEFORE A STATE'S TERRITORY COULD BE SENSED

5. IRAN INDICATED AN ENCOURAGING ATTITUDE ON DBS IN ITS COMMENT THAT LSC SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER DBS PRINCIPLES SHOULD HAVE BINDING CHARACTER OR BE REGARDED AS SIMPLY A GUIDE. IRAN SUPPORTS THE CANADIAN/SWEDISH DRAFT PRINCIPLES AS A GOOD BASIS FOR FUTURE WORK. CONCURRING WITH THE UK., IRAN PROPOSED THAT OSC SIMPLY TAKE NOTE OF UNESCO'S ADOPTION OF ITS DECLARATION ON DBS.

6. BELGIUM, IN REFERENCE TO REGISTRATION TREATY, SUPPORTED PRINCIPLE OF COMPULSORY MARKING EVEN IF, Owing TO TECHNICAL IMPRACTICALITIES AND FINANCIAL BURDEN, IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO DO IT NOW, AND SUGGESTED A STAGE APPROACH ACCEPTING FOR THE PRESENT A NON-BINDING MARKING PROVISION. WITH REGARD TO TOM, BELGIUM SUPPORTS COMPROMISE TEXT ON LUNAR RESOURCES, CONTENDING THAT EXPLORATION OF RESOURCES SHOULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN OUTSIDE CONTROL OF LEGAL COMMUNITY

RE DBS, BELGIUM EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THE ELABORATION OF PRINCIPLES AND NOT BROADENED TO INCLUDE THE DRAFTING OF A CONVENTION. BELGIUM STATED ITS PREFERENCE FOR A BILATERAL OR A REGIONAL APPROACH TO THE REGULATION OF DIRECT BROADCASTING BY SATELLITES TO HOME RECEIVERS.

7. FRANCE, IN THIRD INTERVENTION DURING GENERAL DEBATE, AND COMMENCING WITH BUDDHIST QUOTE "WORDS CAN DESTROY A NATION", STRESSED ALLEGED DANGERS INHERENT IN UNCONTROLLED DEVELOPMENT

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